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CONDUCTOR RAIL FOR SUPPLYING POWER TO THE DRIVE VEHICLES

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**AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-2143.